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Response to Office Action Containing Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, which includes a restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-10, 27-36, and 41) in this Application. The Examiner did not specify a group for Claim 43, but for reasons discussed in the Remarks, Applicant believes that the Examiner intended to include Claim 43 in Group I. Applicant has withdrawn the remaining claims without prejudice or disclaimer. This provisional election is made to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application. This provisional election does not necessarily reflect agreement with or acquiescence to the Examiner's conclusions reflected in the Office Action.